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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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CAPITAL,.....£200,000.
RESERVE FUND,.....£150,000.
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THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

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THE BANK'S BRANCH IN HONGKONG

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chief Commercial places in Europe and the

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AND CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

CAPITAL,.....£275,000.
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required, may be ascertained on application

E. H. NELSON,

Manager.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878.

RECENTLY ARRIVED,
AND
FOR SALE.

TEYSSONNEAU'S FINE FRENCH
STRAWBERRIES.
TEYSSONNEAU'S ASSORTED FRUITS.
French JAMS and JELLIES.
MACASSAR RED FISH.

Very Fine "O. K." BOURBON
WHISKY.

FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, in
BOTTLES of ONE POUND.

BUSCK & CO.'S SELECTED DANISH
BUTTER, Season 1878, in Tins of 1 lb.,
2 lbs., and 4 lbs.

ENGLISH and AMERICAN HOUSE-
HOLD STORES.

EXTRA FINE CHICAGO BACON
and HAMS.

MACKEREL and SALMON BELLIES,
in Kits.

COD FISH, &c., &c.

ROTH'S BEST RUSSIAN ROPE, and
FINE LINES, Assorted Sizes.

FROST BRO'S BEST ENGLISH
WHITE LINES.

HENRY'S BEST GOVERNMENT
NAVY CANVAS, Assorted Numbers.

INDIA RUBBER SHEET PACKING
and INSERTION, all Sizes.

TUCK'S PATENT PACKING.

INDIA RUBBER SUCTION and DE-
LIVERY HOSE.

CANVAS HOSE and LEATHER
BELTING.

AMERICAN ASH BOAT-OARS.

ADMIRALTY TESTED CHAIN
CABLES, and RIGGING CHAIN.

ANCHORS, from 25 lbs. up to 18 cwt.

PERFORATED ZINC SHEETS.

TINMAN'S and PLUMBER'S SOLDER,

LEAD PIPE, and SHEET LEAD.

FAIRBANK'S PLATFORM SCALES,

from 400 lbs. to 2,500 lbs.

MASSEY'S PATENT LOGS.

FLOUR SIEVES.

INDIA RUBBER KNEE and HIP
BOOTS, &c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, August 21, 1878.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-
tions to sell by Public Auction, on

the Premises—

SATURDAY,

the 31st of August, 1878, at 2 p.m., on

the Premises—

INLAND LOT No. 60, situate be-
tween Gough Street and Woodrow
Road on the North and South, Aberdeen
Street on the East.

The above Lot will be sold in 39

Separate Lots.

The Buildings, &c., will be sold in

One Lot, said Buildings &c. to be cleared
of the Ground within two months from
date of Sale.

For further Particulars and Plans,
apply to the Undersigned.

TERMS of SALE.—Will be given on
the Day of Sale.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, August 20, 1878.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received in-
structions to sell by Public Auction,

ON

MONDAY,

the 2nd September, 1878, at 2 p.m., at

the Residence of Mr. F. S. HUFFAM,

"Ball's Court."

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD

FURNITURE, comprising—

English-made Walnut Drawing-room

Suite, covered in Green Cloth.

Blackwood Marble-top Centre Table,

English-made Walnut Whatnots and

Occasional Tables.

Chimney Glasses, Gasoliers and Gas

Brackets, Lamps, Carpets, Heartwheels,

Clocks, Vases, and Ornaments.

Extension Dining Table, Whatnots,

Card Table, Sideboard, Dinner, Dessert,

and Tea Sets, Glassware, and Plated

Wares.

English-made Mahogany Wardrobes,

Cheval Glasses and Toilet Glasses, Iron

Bedsteads.

Blackwood Marble-top Washstands,

Marble-top Toilet Tables, Deaks Glass

Bookcases and Sundry Books, Plants, &c.

One COTTAGE PIANO, by J.

BROADWOOD and Sons,

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS of SALE.—As customary.

Catalogues will be issued, and the

whole to be on view on and after Satur-
day, the 31st August.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

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Intimations:
HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS
are requested to send in an Account of the Businesses Contributed for the Half-year ended 30th June, 1878, on or before the 31st Instant, on which Date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Directors,

D. GILLIES,

Secretary.

Hongkong, August 13, 1878. sc1

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, Ceased on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8, 1878. sc8

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs to notify that the MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA of Tokio, Japan, has Opened a Branch in this Port, and the Undersigned has been appointed their Agent in Hongkong.

HEROMICH SHUGIO.

Office No. 4 C, Club Chambers, Hongkong, August 19, 1878. sc10

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. J. J. dos REMEDIOS in our Firm Ceased on the 31st July, 1878, Mr. AGOSTINHO GUILHERME ROMANO and Mr. ALEXANDRE ANTONIO dos REMEDIOS have this Day been admitted Partners therein.

Our Firm now consists of Mr. J. J. dos REMEDIOS, Mr. A. G. ROMANO, and Mr. A. A. dos REMEDIOS.

J. J. dos REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878. sc9

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr ARTHUR CHART in our Firm Ceased on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. sc13

Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH STEAMER STRATHMORE, ROWELL, Master, FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 2nd September next will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless written notice to the contrary is given by noon to-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 26, 1878. sc2

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEE.

THE BRITISH BARK LIZZIE PERRY, FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 26, 1878. sc2

BRITISH BARK DARTMOUTH, FROM LONDON.

THE above-named Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 7, 1878. sc8

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. CITY OF PEKING, from San Francisco and Yokohama, are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Owners' risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, August 17, 1878. sc6

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEE.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY, Agent.

Ex "Amarante."

TH 1844, Mr. L. Thevenin, from 1 case Ink, ...; Marsella.

Ex "Pet. Ho."

B No. 418/21 Order, 15 Cases, from W.H. & Co., Marsella.

H. F. HANCOCK, H. M. Consul.

Hongkong, August 21, 1878. sc8

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

AN INVOICE OF

HUNGARIAN WINES,
VIZ.—
Villany, ... in Cases of 1 Dozen.
Oncer Adelsberg, ... " "
Ruster Ausbruch, ... " "
Apply to

RÄDEKER & Co.

Hongkong, August 17, 1878. sc11

FOR SALE.

Ex "Elizabeth Childs,"
THE GENUINE APOLLINARIS
WATER:
In Cases of 50 large Stone Bottles,
89 per Case.
In Cases of 50 small Stone Bottles,
86 per Case.

Ex Steamship "Asia."

TIVOLI BEEF R.
In Cases of 8 dozen White Pint Bottles,
91 per Case.

WEILER & Co.

Hongkong, August 6, 1878. sc6

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J. J. dos REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, August 1, 1878. sc9

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J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. sc13

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL,

HONGKONG.

To-morrow Evening,
(WEDNESDAY), August 28th, 1878.

THIRD PERFORMANCE

OF THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA
AND OPERA BOUFA COMPANY.

"La Fille de Madame Angot."

MISS ELCIA MAY

as
CLAIRETTE.

PROGRAMME:

CLAIETTE..... Miss ELCIA MAY.
Ango Piton..... Mr. VERNON.
Pomponnet..... Mr. ROLLINGS.
Larivaudiere..... Mr. HAGEMAN.
Louchard..... Mr. HODSON.
Trenitz..... Mr. ARMANDI.
Cadet..... Mr. BROWN.
Police Agent..... Mr. SUITON.
Officer or Guards..... Mr. DE LILLE.
Madame Lange..... Miss A. DANGAR.
Babette..... Miss B. DANGAR.
Amaranthe..... Miss VERNON.

SOLDIERS, Market Men, &c.

ACT I.

THE MARKET PLACE.

VIOLET SOLO,
MISS CLARA STANLEY.

ACT II.

MADAME LANGE'S DRAWING ROOM.

ACT III.

PUBLIC GARDENS.

TICKETS may be obtained at Messrs KRUSE & Co.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Dress Circle or Orchestra
Stalls..... TWO DOLLARS.
Pit..... ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen
cannot be admitted.

S. DE LILLE,
Manager.

Hongkong, August 27, 1878. sc28

FOR SALE.

TWO AMERICAN and One ENGLISH
Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES,
with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &c., Complete.
Apply to

D. NOWROJEE,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, July 11, 1878. sc1

FOR SALE.

COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit
Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.
Apply to

GAS COMPANY,
West Point.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878. sc13

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I and II, A to M, with Introduction. Royal
8vo, pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN ETEL,
Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, or TWO DOLLARS
AND A HALF per Part.

To be had from MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Hongkong and Shanghai; and MESSRS KELLY & WALKER, Maccau.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

FOR YLOILO.

The French Barque

"CORDOBA."

BRITISH, Master, will have

immediate despatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, August 27, 1878.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will

sell by Public Auction, in their

Sales Rooms, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 30th Instant, at Noon.

PLAIN and CUT GLASS SHERRY,

Port, Claret, and Champagne Glasses,

Decanters, Water Jugs, Tumblers, Blue

and Cream Laid Note and Letter Paper,

and Envelopes, Blotting Paper, Engravings,

Cruet Stands, Kerossine Hanging

Lamps, Key-rings, Morton's Oilman's

Stores, Chinese and Japanese Flower

Vases and Dishes, Bronzes, &c.

And the usual Miscellaneous Assortment.

Hongkong, August 27, 1878. sc30

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for any

Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew

jured; and that, although she has physically almost recovered, bags of ice are still continually kept on her head to prevent inflammation of the brain. These ice bags had been removed while the priest was present, and this, together with what else had passed, must have proved too much for the patient, and the almost fatal relapse was the immediate result. Fortunately the woman is again in a convalescent state, and Dr Horck has every hope that she will soon be well, although the unfortunate and doubtful involuntary indiscretion described has prolonged her illness. The woman now displays a strong, nervous disease for clergymen generally, and R. O. priests particularly; while, apparently distrusting the nurses, she will take no food from any one save the medical attendants. While fully admitting the advisability of consular visits on the part of ministers of religion, we maintain that the highest law inculcates that everything shall be done decently and "in order;" and it would certainly seem high time that some check or system were introduced into the Government Civil Hospital, in order to render impossible such results as that we have here indicated.

We gave a few days ago some particulars of an Australian colonization party, numbering about fifty persons that had arrived in New Guinea for the purposes of "prospecting," and settling down in that island. The party were conveyed to Port Moresby, New Guinea, in several small vessels, the first of which sailed from Cooktown, on the 18th April. A start inland was made from Port Moresby on the 1st May, but after proceeding forty or fifty miles, the party was stopped by heavy rains, and encamped to await fine weather. The Australian papers received by the last mail contain some later, and we regret to say, not very cheering, news of this adventurous expedition. By the mail steamship *Somers* five members of the party, thoroughly broken down in health by the dreaded New Guinea fever, returned to Cooktown, and from them the latest news of the expedition has been obtained. They report that they left thirteen of their companions sick with the fever on the Laiki River, and ten others in the same predicament at Port Moresby. One man, a Welshman, had died, and nearly the whole of the members of the expedition had suffered more or less from sickness. These dangers and sufferings, however, had not resulted in the abandonment of the expedition, the party being still encamped in the same place on the Goldie river, waiting for fine weather, when the latest advices left. A dense scrub had prevented further progress inland. A road, about six miles in length, was cut through this obstacle, when several of the members of the party pushed forward, and, reaching a high piece of country, they were able to ascertain that the scrub extended for miles. It was, indeed, estimated that to cut through it would take at least six months, and as the scrub work was the cause of much sickness, it was deemed advisable to give up the task and proceed to clear country, and camp until the river fell. The party arrived in New Guinea nearly four months too soon, for the wet season being late, they had experienced nothing but rain since landing. In another month or less, the river would be down, when a march was to be made inland, either up the river beds or round the scrub, and then, and not until that time, would it be ascertained whether there is payable gold in New Guinea.

Among the arrivals at Cooktown from New Guinea appears the name of the Russian naturalist and botanist, Mr Macay. It may be remembered that Mr Macay published some correspondence in the *China Mail* about eighteen months ago complaining of the cruel treatment of the natives of certain of the South Sea islands by tripan traders. It is stated that Mr Macay owns, and resides on, a considerable tract of land near Astrolabe Gulf, on the north-east coast of Guinea, where he was landed about eight years ago by a Russian corvette, and where he has resided ever since. He is said to deprecate the advent of the white man as imminent to the welfare of the native population, and likely to cause bloodshed. So greatly is he possessed with this idea that he declines to give any information as to gold-bearing localities. It seems hardly consistent that a "martyr to science" as Mr Macay is described, should be opposed to the advent in New Guinea, of people who are, as it were, steeped in science, and owe most of their greatness to it.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]
Per E. A. & C. Telegraph Co's Line.]

LONDON, 26th August, 1878.
The Porte refused to grant any extensions to the Northern Greek Provinces.

Russia has issued a new Internal Loan of £30,000,000.

The marriage of Prince Hendrik, brother of the King of the Netherlands, was celebrated at Potsdam in the presence of the King of the Netherlands and the Prussian Royal Family.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The disabled steamer *China*, in tow of the *Khadie*, was signalled thirteen miles off shortly before 6 p.m.

There was another burglarious robbery in the Terraces last night—this time in West Terrace. The thieves got only 12 cents in copper.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs Pustau & Co.) that according to a telegram received from Shanghai the German S. S. *Altona*, reported to be aground in the Yangtze, has got off without damage.

The body of a European quite naked was picked up near Kowloon to-day, supposed to be that of a seaman belonging to the *S.S. Killarney*, who was drowned whilst bathing a day or two since.

A MAN fell of the wall opposite the Police Court this afternoon, about 2 o'clock, into the road below, a distance of some 30 feet. The wall slopes gradually to the ground, and this broke his fall a little. It is a wonder he was not dashed to pieces; the road is very hard, but although his injuries were severe they are not considered dangerous. He was at once conveyed to Hospital, and after having his wounds dressed was carried off by his friends. It appears that he had been sitting on top of the wall, smoking, and fell asleep. Coolies have been frequently cautioned about this danger, but still persist in ignoring all warnings.

A most pleasing entertainment was given last night in St. Andrew's Hall by Mr Fairclough and Miss Eliza May to a numerous audience. The task of entertaining fell about equally on each of the candidates for public favour, and although naturally the largest share of applause fell to the lot of the fair prima donna, the efforts of Mr Fairclough were evidently much appreciated by the audience. It would, we think, have been an improvement had the programme contained more "dramatic recitals" properly so called, instead of the commoner form of schoolboy recitations. Selections from the high-class drama would, we feel certain, have given the eloquence and dramatic powers of Mr Fairclough more play and a fair field, while we cannot help thinking that he rather underestimated the intelligence and experience of his audience.

"The Raven" was very successfully interpreted, although we missed the softness and richness of voice which so materially enhance the recital of this master-piece of the "sweet singer" of America. In the rugged and forcible Saxon of "Henry V. to his Army at Harfleur" the speaker was much more at home, and, as this was the best enunciated piece of all, it seems all the more to be regretted that the Shakespearean selections were represented by it alone. The "Bridge of Sighs" was spoilt by the audience resuming their seats during its delivery. "Shamus O'Brien" was given with great power and spirit; and the entertainment concluded with Tennyson's "Charge of the Light Brigade." We fancy that Mr Fairclough would forward his interest and sustain his reputation by carrying out his original intention to give us this drama.

Miss May was in excellent voice, and sang with more taste, sweetness and power than we remember to have yet heard her. The reception she met with was most hearty, and proved how thoroughly this young artiste has won the favour of the music-loving public here. She was recalled at the close of almost every one of her selections, and although, as could scarcely be otherwise, she did not respond to the calls by singing again, her reception was none the less hearty and sincere. "The Power of Love" (from "Satellites") was probably the song in which her rich fulness of voice appeared most strikingly. Mr Panizzi, accompanied, and also played a solo, on the piano, with marked success. This gentleman, who also acts as accompanist for the Opera Company, is becoming one of the musical institutions of the Colony.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates' Sitting.)

August 27, 1878.

OBSTAINING MONEY UNDER FALSE PRETENCES. The Atai, a farmer, was committed for trial on a charge of attempting to obtain money under false pretences. It appears that he had been in the habit of selling vegetables to a Lan at the Central Market. The name of the seller, weight and value of the goods, are called out by a master coolie, and the clerk of the Lan enters these particulars into a book. The seller then proceeds to the clerk and obtains an order for the money, which is then paid by another man in the Lan. The defendant, taking advantage of this system, made counterfeit orders and endeavoured to obtain money on them.

TO-DAY'S FINES.

On Atai and another boatman, fighting and creating a disturbance. Fined 10 cents each.

Pun Yeung Wan, coolie, creating a disturbance at a brothel. Fined 10 cents.

Chen Atsan, a chair coolie, refusing to move his chair. Fined 20 cents.

Chen Apin, a hawker, selling without a license. Fined 20 cents.

Wong Atsing, a hawker, hawking without a license and accepting that he had one. Fined 20 cents.

Shan Atai, a coolie, assaulting a friend. Fined 50 cents.

Jan Apin, a coolie, indecent bathing near the Sailors' Home. Fined 50 cents.

Ma Aut, a shopman, obstructing the thoroughfare at Praya West. Fined 50 cents.

Chenug Achin, carpenter, a similar offence at Jardine's Bazaar. Fined 50 cents.

Beaboo, a watchman at the Patent Slip, on watch. Fined 50 cents.

Chin Apak, bean-curd maker, obstructing the foot-path, and having been frequently convicted. Fined \$1.50.

The Angan, a married woman, and Tang Akwai, a shopman, assault and battery. Fined \$2 each.

Tsueung Aming, a hawker, gambling in the public streets. Fined \$3.

Wong Asam, a coolie, stealing guavas from Mr Noronha's garden at Kowloon whilst hungry. Fined \$5 or 14 days.

Ning Afuk and another, unlawful possession of some butter. First fined \$10, second to find security to be of good behaviour.

SUPREME COURT.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.
(Before His Lordship Acting Chief Justice SROWDEN.)

27th August, 1878.

Murrow v. Pustau, \$4,800.—This was a claim made by the proprietor of the Hongkong *Daily Press* newspaper to recover certain sums of money which the defendant's firm, W. Pustau & Co., as plaintiff's attorneys, had detained as commission.

The following gentleman were sworn in as a Special Jury:—Messrs H. Dixie, D. R. F. Crawford, A. Lind, A. G. Romano, J. M. Forbes, Junr., D. Gillies, and O. Erdmann.

The Attorney General (the Hon. G. Phillipps), instructed by Messrs Sharp, Toller and Johnson, appeared on behalf of the plaintiff; and Mr Hayllar, instructed by Mr Pustau (through Mr Wotton), for the defence.

Mr E. George, the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, put in the scale of commissions as allowed by the Chamber.

Mr R. C. Wilcox, who was first called, stated the terms upon which he had leased the paper. In answer to Mr Hayllar he said:—"I cannot say whether or not Messrs Pustau & Co. went through the accounts previous to my taking over the lease."

Mr Hayllar then addressed the Court for the defence, and said that he would, he thought, be able to show that the charges made by the defendants were just. The claim must be judged on its own merits. Mr Murrow and Mr Pustau had been friends of the warmest character for 34 years. The paper had been built up by Mr Murrow with the assistance of Mr Pustau. This would, he said, give the key-note of the relations between these two gentlemen. Mr Murrow had continually stated in his correspondence both to the late Mr Bell and Mr Pustau that he placed the greatest reliance on the friendship of Mr Pustau. Mr Pustau had once lent him \$82,000 without security. The learned counsel said that he might at once state that he relied in the present case in a great measure upon an agreement which had been made between the parties. Mr Murrow could have drawn upon Mr Pustau for any reasonable sum, and could in fact have drawn the whole of the \$4,800. Mr Murrow, it appears, is in great difficulties at present, and has frequently drawn on Mr Pustau, who has invariably honored the bills. This action, he continued, he could hardly believe had been taken by Mr Murrow himself, but by absolute pressure brought to bear upon him. Messrs Pustau however had been brought into Court, and had therefore to defend their position. The commission would depend in a great measure upon the amount of skill and labour brought into play. A deal of skill and labour had been employed by Mr Pustau, and perhaps there would never have been any *Daily Press* at the present moment if it had not been for Mr Pustau. Mr Murrow was in bad health and was saved the danger of coming out here by Mr Pustau. Formerly the accounts were audited by Mr F. W. Mitchell, who received \$300 per annum for doing this. Mr Pustau took the responsibility of this work on his own shoulders when Mr Mitchell left the Colony. It was after the management of the paper was thrown into other hands that all the trouble commenced. The *Daily Press* property is made up of more than one property; there were the *Daily Press*, *Overland Trade Report*, a Directory, and the *Straits Times Extra*. All these required separate accounts. Mr Pustau had never undertaken to do this amount of work at first. Mr George was once an aspirant to be editor and leasee of the *Daily Press*; and a great deal of negotiation were gone through, entailing a great deal of trouble. Persons must be compensated, not only for the difficulty of the work done, but for the work itself. Mr Murrow was in estates at first with the arrangements made. He spoke of Mr Wilcox as a most desirable lessee. The learned counsel reminded the Jury that an estate could not run away, but a newspaper was different; it would melt away unless properly carried on. It required also reading men and men of character at its head. Therefore Mr Murrow was under the deepest obligation to Mr Pustau for the steps he had taken in securing Mr Wilcox as the lessee. Again Mr Murrow admitted himself that the action he was about to take had nothing whatever to do with commissions. He supposed that things were going on in 1878, as they had been in 1876, but this was not so. Mr Pustau's power of attorney was therefore not cancelled for any reasonable cause whatever. Was all this amount of valuable work to be paid for by nothing? This, said the learned Counsel, was a very serious matter. A fair remuneration should have been offered to Mr Pustau before this. Either Mr Pustau is to recover the benefit of all this work, or it is to go to Mr Murrow himself. Mr Pustau's indignation was naturally aroused, when the dispute arose, and he said:—"Very well, if you are determined to take this action, I will defend my position."

Mr Hayllar then read a large amount of correspondence bearing out his remarks. The letters, he said, were master-pieces of epistolary skill, and he might say that the biennials of the *Daily Press* was made a more weighty affair than the exchange of treatises between two countries. No reference was made to commission in the letters. The letters clearly show the state of affairs at the time Mr Bell went home. Mr Murrow was in debt, and the paper was heavily mortgaged to Mr Bell; and it was out of this trouble that Mr Pustau carried the plaintiff safely. The letters also proved Mr Murrow's entire consciousness in the

payment of 5 per cent on the earnings, but he was rather averse to pay 5 per cent on the whole of the earnings of the paper, and to pay the annual charge as well. They also showed that he was somewhat displeased with the arrangements made with regard to the management when Mr Bell went home, and expressed suspicion that the arrangements were made by Mr Bell with the sinister motive of acquiring possession of the property.

After this Mr Pustau was put into the box, and examined; and at 4 o'clock the Court rose and adjourned until Friday next.

Macao.

A friend in Macao sends us the following remarks:—

"Having just perused your able leader of last Saturday regarding the death by drowning, of a coloured man named Joseph Augustus, late cook on board the American barque *W. H. Bass*, which it was alleged had been in some degree caused through ill-treatment on board. As the deceased was believed to be a British subject, it had been intended to hold an inquest at H. M. Supreme Court, but as a Coroner's jury had been summoned by the U. S. Vice Consul-General, and had already viewed the body, no inquest was opened at the Supreme Court. Mr Mowat, the Coroner, however, attended the proceedings in the U. S. Court. After a lengthy investigation, the Jury returned a verdict of 'Accidentally drowned.'

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

Among the passengers for Tientsin by the *Paulat* yesterday (Aug. 18th) were Mr. Visconti Bremer de Montmorand, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for France; and H. E. Dr. J. Federico Elmore, Minister Resident for the Republic of Peru.

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(Courier.)

The hulk *Bernwick Walls* has been sold by Public Auction by Mr E. A. Reynolds; realizing Tls. 2,100. The purchaser was a Chinaman. There were no foreign bidders.

It is well known that H. E. Chung How, the Viceroy of Shing King, the same official who went to Paris to settle the Tientsin massacre question, is about to proceed to St. Petersburg to arrange as to the Chinese frontier and to demand the return of the Khan, who has taken refuge in Russian territory. He arrived at Tientsin on the morning of the 8th inst., and left on the 8th inst. for Pekin to have an audience.

We are informed from a very good source that the preliminary examination of the country at Kaiping, the site of the future mining operations, has proved very satisfactory. A flat piece of country about 20 miles long was found to be covered with coal and ironstone. The coal is of the bituminous kind, having from 70 to 75 per cent of gas, and 7 to 16 per cent of ash. It has every appearance of being an excellent coal. The ironstone, which runs in a parallel line with the coal, is hematite. It contains 60 per cent metallic iron. Boring operations have been commenced close to the river. It is but a small river, running to the gulf, and is only navigable by junks for a short distance. The soil at this part appears rich. Apples and grapes grow in abundance; also cotton and tobacco; but the people seem but poor agriculturists.

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THE SEA SERPENT CAUGHT AT LAST.

Captain Dravar of the British ship *Newfolk*, which left Singapore on the 26th April, and arrived at Mauritius on the 25th May, has addressed a letter to the *Commercial Gazette*, from which we take the following extract:—

I have learned much about our old friend the "Sea Serpent" since I last wrote. I was fortunate enough to capture a very fine specimen of the genuine Sea Snake about seven feet long, with a broad flat tail, peculiar head, and on its body alternate bands of bright yellow and black. It is very stout in proportion to its length. It had several small bands on its head, and this may account for the "mane" described as appearing like a bunch of sea weed in the "Dædalus" frigate's sea serpent account of 1849. The head is singularly like the sketch in the *London News* of that date, and ridiculed by some eminent professors. Although the Singapore Museum contains a splendid collection of serpents, and has the largest python or rock snake in the world (twenty-three feet long), there is no specimen like mine, and the following is how we captured it. I was going to shore in the boat at Singapore, and observing the snake I maneuvered the boat and the man struck it a heavy blow with the boat hook, exclaiming: "I have knocked its head off." I said, "All right, haul him in." And it came in the boat darting out its fangs furiously and giving us all a thorough fright, for it is of a deadly poisonous nature. We have no foreign bidders.

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